

**Kings County
Military and Veterans Coalition
December 12, 2023 - 2pm PST**

Microsoft Teams Meeting Agenda

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Introductions

Previous Items

- **Veterans Service Office Status – M/Th, 8:00am – 5:00pm and Friday, 8:00am – 12:00pm**
 - **Lobby Hours:**
 - ***** M-Th 8:00 am – 5pm; Friday 8am - Noon*****
 - Certain questions may be answered by support staff, without having to speak with a VSR. Feel free to call anytime to ask for assistance. The Kings County Veterans Service Office can still complete the DMV Veteran Status Verification Form (VSD-001) for the Veteran Designation on your California driver's license/ID Card. We are no longer issuing the locally-generated Veteran I.D. cards.
- **Veterans Upward Bound - (See Attached)**

Speaker Topic: VACCHCS Women's Programs – Kim Booze, Program Manager

New Items –

- **DAV Drivers - (See Attached)**
- **Veterans Support Group - (See Attached)**
- **Foreclosure Pause Request - (See Attached)**

Round Table –

Next Meeting – January 9, 2024 – Location: MS Teams Meeting



Veterans

UPWARD

BOUND

What VUB has to offer:

- Individualized career assessment and planning
- College Application assistance
- Financial aid and GI Bill® information
- Help obtaining Military and other Transcripts
- Academic Counseling
- Access to other resources: study area, computer labs, student union

Some Eligibility Criteria

- Meet military service requirements
- Received other than a dishonorable discharge
- Completed a minimum of 180 days of active service
- U.S. Citizen, resident or applying for residency
- Low-income and/or first-generation
- Was a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces called to active duty for a period of more than 30 days; or was a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces who served on active duty in support of a contingency operation on or after September 11, 2001

**SCAN TO
START AN
APPLICATION**



VOLUNTEER DRIVE



to help veterans



**OUR
VETERANS
IN
CALIFORNIA
NEED YOU!**

**DO YOU HAVE A CURRENT
DRIVER'S LICENSE & ONE DAY
A WEEK AVAILABLE?**

**VISIT THE DAV
TRANSPORTATION
COORDINATOR
OR SCAN TO
SIGN UP!**



**Volunteers use VA-provided
vehicles to transport patients
from their homes to their VA
appointments and back. A
background check & physical
are required, at no cost.**



Kings County Veteran's Support Group

Meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month
Time: 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Veteran's Memorial Hall
401 N. Irwin Street
Hanford, CA 93230



KINGS COUNTY
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

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VA calls on mortgage servicers to pause foreclosures of VA-guaranteed loans through May 31, 2024

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 17, 2023

7:00 pm

WASHINGTON — Helping Veterans and their families stay in their homes is a top priority at VA. Over the past year, we've been able to help more than 145,000 Veterans and their families retain their homes and avoid foreclosure. Even in the dynamic housing market of the last several years, rates of foreclosures of VA-backed mortgages are among the lowest in the country. And at the same time, we know that there are still Veterans struggling to make their payments.

To ensure these Veterans can stay in their homes, we are taking two steps:

1. **We are calling on mortgage servicers to pause foreclosures of VA-guaranteed loans through May 31, 2024.** During this pause we will work with servicers on workable home retention solutions for Veterans; and
2. **We are extending the COVID-19 Refund Modification program through May 31, 2024.** This extension will allow Veterans to obtain a zero-interest, deferred-payment loan from VA to cover missed payments and modify their existing VA-guaranteed loan to achieve affordable monthly payments for the duration of this extension.

By pausing foreclosures and extending the COVID-19 Refund Modification program, we can continue assisting Veterans with their loans while we launch our newest home retention option, the VA Servicing Purchase (VASP) program. Through VASP, VA will purchase defaulted VA loans from mortgage servicers, modify the loans, and then place them in the VA-owned portfolio as direct loans. This will empower us to work with Veterans experiencing severe financial hardship to adjust their loans – and their monthly payments – so they can keep their homes.

We want every Veteran with a loan to know that VA is here to help – and we encourage any Veteran who is struggling with making their payments to visit the [VA Housing Assistance](#) website or call us at 877-827-3702. We have loan technicians working with Veterans to help them stay in their homes, including discussing available home retention options such as repayment plans, special forbearance, loan modification, and more. And we will continue to actively review our portfolio of loans and work with loan servicers to do everything in our power to keep all Veterans and survivors with a VA-guaranteed mortgage in their homes.

Look for more information on the [VA home loans](#) website.

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